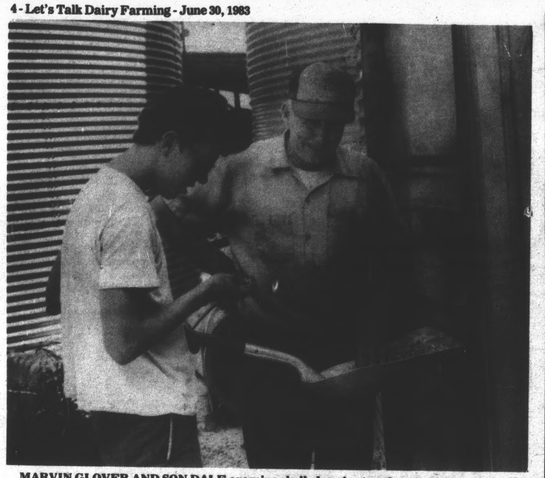

MARVIN GLOVER AND SON DALE examine shelled grain stored on their farm. Glover and his brother Carl grow more corn than they need for their dairy operation and sell the excess when the price of corn reaches a profitable level. This year, the Glovers have planted approximately 500 acres of corn on their eastern Appomattox farm.

The Glover Brothers

The Glover Brothers Dairy, located near Hixburg in the eastern part of Appomattox County, has been producing milk since 1945, when M. A. Glover, Sr., started selling his product to Coble Dairy.

Today the farm, operated by brothers, Marvin and Carl, milks 107 Holstein cows, and raises 500 acres of corn, 200 acres of wheat and 100 acres of hay for livestock feed.

"We raise a lot more corn than we need," notes Marvin. "We hold the excess until the price gets high, then we sell it."

Marvin and his wife, Margaret are both very active in a variety of farming organizations in Appomattox County. Marvin is the Appomattox Dairymen's Appomattox Dairymen's Association.

The Association was formed in the early 1970s to help dissiminate information about the dairy business throughout Appomattox County's Dairy farming community. William Hix currently serves as vice-president of the organization and Dennis Torrence acts as its secretary and treasurer.

"As usual, we'll have a picnic this summer at one of the members farms," Marvin notes. "We usually meet four or five times a year, and we try to bring in a speaker to address an issue pertinent to dairy farming in Appomattox County at each meeting.

The Glover farm is situated in an area of the county which at one point contained seven separate dairy operations. There are now five: the Glover farm, the Hix farm, the Covington farm, the Doss farm and the Robinson farm.

Marvin recalls that his father went into Grade 'A dairy farming in 1952. He had been selling manufactured milk since 1945 and before that he had been selling cream. The farm has been in his family since 1907.

The Stratton Farm

The Stratton Dairy farm, which dates back to the Civil War, is a 535 acre spread with 200 cows, 70 of which are currently being milked.

Kelly Stratton and his son, David, are continuing a four-generation tradition of agriculture in their family. The Anderson family first began agricultural operations on the tract near Stonewall in the 1800s.

The Strattons took an old stanchion barn and converted it into a combination herringbone pit milking parlor and cattle holding area. The family raises about 100 acres of corn for silage, as well as 50 acres of soy beans, and milo, 80 acres of wheat and vetch, and 80 acres of barley.

David, a 1981 graduate of Appomattox County High School, notes that the farm's newly installed Harvest Store silo, which is 99 percent airtight, allows the Strattons to store protein products such as soybeans, alfalfa and grain sorghum which has been grown on the farm "cheaper then we can buy it."

The protein leaches out of the material if it is not stored in airtight silo, according to David.

Kelly and his son do almost all of the repair work on their farm equipment, which saves them immeasurable time and money. "I took all the classes at high school that I could relating to farm machinery repair," noted David. He notes that Billy Perrow and Keith Maxey, teachers at the high school were a great deal of help to him while he was in school, and have helped him several times since he began work on the farm.

The Strattons have their own farm repair shop which is a tremendous money saver and prevents having equipment tied up in a commercial repair shop.

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★ Virginia Farm Bureau has over 66,000 members.
★ There are 86 county Farm Bureaus.
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★ Leaders are made in Farm Bureau.
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